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In re Application of:

Robert J. Yatka, et al.

Serial No:

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Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin

Filed:

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated August 19, 2004 for a period of 1 month(s).

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	claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.			
	is other than small entity			
		Extension <u>Months</u>	Other Than Small Entity	Small Entity
		One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$120.00 \$450.00 \$1,020.00 \$1,590.00 \$2,160.00	\$60.00 \$225.00 \$510.00 \$795.00 \$1,080.00
Fee Payment				
	Attached is a check for \$ for the Petition fee.			
\boxtimes	Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$120 for the Petition fee.			
	Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached. Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.			
	Respectfully submitted,			
Dated: 12/20/04 /Steven P. Shurtz/ Steven P. Shurtz Registration No. 31,424 Attorney for Applicants				
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